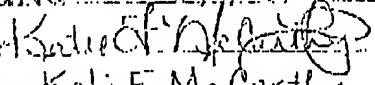


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 16, 2005, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. This Response is being timely filed, since a Petition for Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee, is being filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments.